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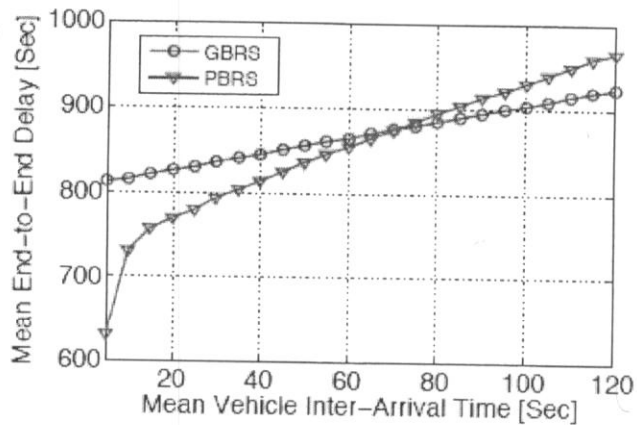


Figure 6 Mean End to End delay of PBRS and GBRs

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In GBRs, under light loads the queue is emptied quickly so when a fast arriving vehicle passes by, the queue is already empty. On the contrary, in PBRS the bundles are delayed until the bundle relay opportunity arrives. Under heavier loads, the opposite is true. Therefore at lower values of inter arrival times the GBRs has larger end to end delay as compared to PBRS whereas at high values PBRS has higher end to end delay, as the load increases.

5 Conclusion

The student has modeled a Probabilistic Bundle Relay Strategy for a Vehicular Delay tolerant network based on M/M/1 process. A new term Bundle relay probability is introduced which relaxes the need for complete network information. Analytical expressions for bundle service time and bundle probability are derived and the results are analyzed for the conventional GBR model with the derived PBRS Model.

6 Critical Analysis

The student has made some assumptions in his model which need further reasoning and in-depth analysis, as they cannot be justified at present. These were also discussed during his proposal presentation, these are discussed as follows:

- The student has assumed the vehicle's speed as uniformly distributed whereas the inter arrival times between the vehicles as exponentially distributed. In practice these two are dependent on each other. This assumption needs to be justified.

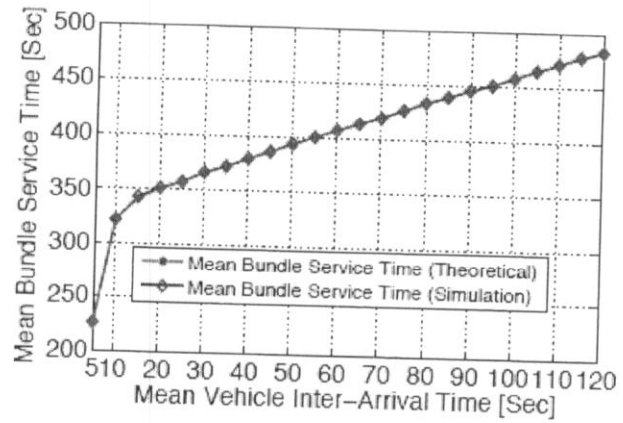


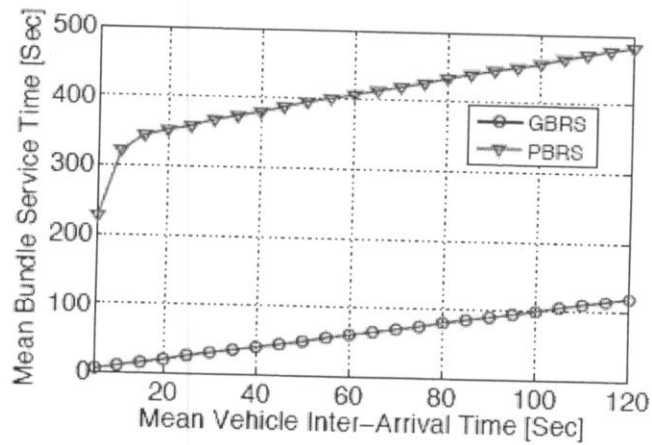
Figure 3 Mean bundle service time as a function of vehicle inter arrival time

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4.2 Comparison of GBRS and PBRs

For the sake of comparison, the student developed a conventional bundle relay strategy, which is called "Greedy Bundle Relaying Strategy" (GBRS), where the source IRS greedily transmits a bundle in the queue to every arriving vehicle. The results of the two strategies are compared and an analysis is presented as follows.

4.2.1 Mean Bundle Service Time



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Figure 4 Comparison of bundle service time in PBRs and GBRS

The bundle release probability is given as [1]:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{br,i} &= Pr \left[R \mid V = v_i \right] \\ &= 1 - Pr \left[t_{i+1} - t_i + \frac{d_{SD}}{v_{i+1}} < \frac{d_{SD}}{v_i} \mid V = v_i \right] \end{aligned}$$

3.4 Modeling and Analysis of Stationary Traffic sources in VDTNs

3.4.1 Bundle Service Time

The average delay experienced by a head of line bundle in the queue before it is released to a passing vehicle.

The student has derived the closed form solutions for the Bundle Release Probability and the Bundle Service time in his thesis proposal using the M/M/1 queuing model for the stationary IRs (Traffic Sources). The following assumptions were made[1]:

- Bundle transmissions are instantaneous.
- The vehicle's speed remains constant during its entire navigation period on the road.
- The vehicle's inter arrival times are exponentially distributed (Poisson's distribution) with a mean $1/\mu$ and density function: $\mu e^{-\mu t}$, $t > 0$.
- The speeds of the vehicles are uniformly distributed with a density function $1/(V_{max} - V_{min})$.
- The bundles inter arrival times are exponentially distributed with a mean $1/\lambda$ and density function $\lambda e^{-\lambda t}$.
- Bundle release decisions are made independently from one vehicle to the other.
- The source node relays only one bundle per vehicle.

The results are presented as follows:

The bundle service time is given as:

$$f_T(t) = \mu P_{br} e^{-\mu P_{br} t}, \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

3 Vehicular Networks

3.1 Scenario:

Consider figure 2, which shows a Delay Tolerant Vehicular Network (DTVN), where the Immobile Information Relay Stations (IRSs) are deployed. The three IRSs are beyond the communication range of each other, and only one of them is connected to the Internet and called the "Gateway". This scenario can be thought of as a sparsely populated or a remote area where there is a lack of network infrastructure due to high deployment costs. Different users requiring connectivity are connected to the source and destination IRS labeled as S and D in figure 2. The source IRS in turn transmits its packets to the passing vehicles hoping that they will forward these packets (referred as bundles) to the destination IRS. It is assumed that, the time at which the vehicles arrive (inter arrival times) are randomly distributed with Poisson Distribution. The speeds of vehicles are also random, with a uniform distribution. The source IRS buffers/queues the bundles to be transmitted until a vehicle arrives in its range, it then releases the bundles based on First in First out (FIFO) process.

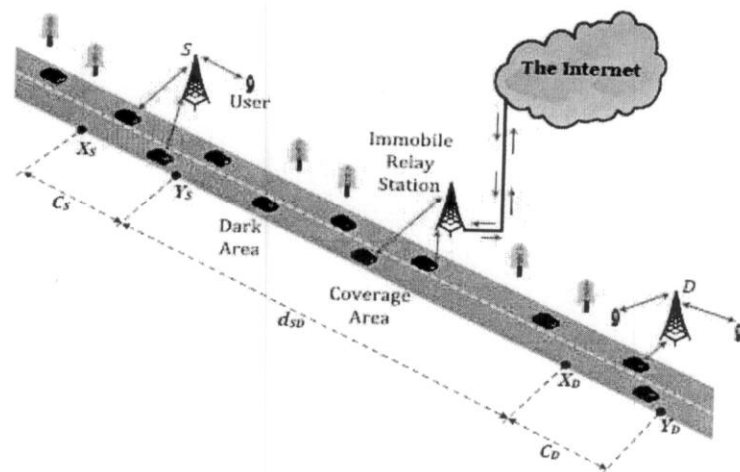


Figure 2 Two hop Vehicular Delay Tolerant Network [1]

2 Introduction

2.1 Intermittently Connected Networks (ICNs):

An Intermittently connected network (ICN) is an emerging class of infrastructure-less wireless network that supports proper functionality of one or several wireless applications operating in stressful environments, where excessive delays and unguaranteed continuous existence of end to end paths between any arbitrary source destination pair, results from highly repetitive link disruptions[2].

2.2 Delay Tolerant Networking:

Delay tolerant networks (DTNs) are very closely connected to ICNs, and that is why the two terms have been used interchangeably in most of the literature. However, in the strict sense of the definition the two terms are different. DTNs are defined as follows:

Delay Tolerant Networking is an overlay architecture intended to operate above the protocol stacks of an ICN and enable gateway functionality between them through the use of a variety of protocol techniques. These techniques include replication and parallel forwarding, forward error correction and many more to overcome communication impairments [2].

For the research proposal under study, the student has used the terms ICNs and DTNs interchangeably.

2.3 Characteristics of ICNs:

- These networks face repetitive and a great number of *link disruptions*.
- There is a high amount of uncertainty with respect to the arriving traffic and the nodes in the network.
- The existing protocols cannot be applied to these networks; the designed protocol has to devise its own operation.
- They are characterized by large delays and many errors; i-e the probability of errors in these networks is very high.

1 Abstract

Disruption/Delay Tolerant Networks (DTNs) are heterogeneous in nature, i.e. their operational requirements vary depending on the network environment, making them suffer from different levels of link disruptions depending on the severity of the operating conditions [1]. Due to this fact, the current networking protocols fail to operate properly in context of DTNs making them a highly active area of research. These networks are also termed as “Intermittently Connected Networks (ICNs)”. The PhD proposal under study particularly focuses on “Vehicular Delay Tolerant Networks (VDTNs)”, a class of DTNs, assuming the communicating nodes are arbitrarily deployed and can communicate indirectly through the mobile nodes mounted on vehicles [2]. The objective is to develop a “Probabilistic Bundle Relay Strategy” and “GBR” for a VDTN with partial network information, with minimal delay, based on a queuing model of the VDTN Sources. The simulation results of the two approaches including the bundle delivery delays and other characteristic parameters are compared [2].

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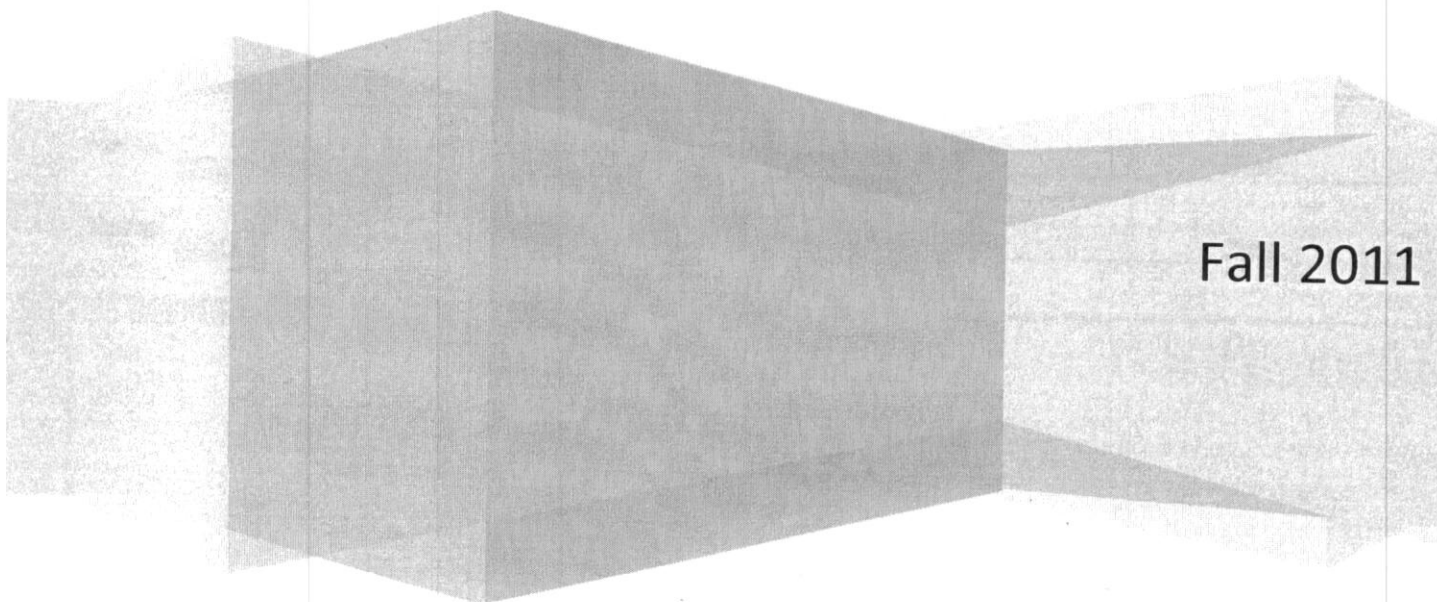
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